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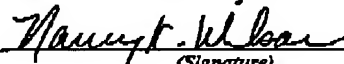
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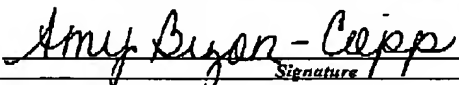
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| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. | | | | | | |
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SERIAL NO.: 10/643,446) Group Art No.: 3679
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FOR: PLASTIC JOINT AND METHOD) Michael P. Ferguson
FOR PRODUCING SAID JOINT)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed August 29, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

Amendment to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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